

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 remain in the application and claims 1 and 18 have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-13 and 18-29 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Ginter et al., and of the rejection of claims 14-17 and 30-39 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ginter et al.

Features of the image commercial transactions system according to the present invention is to convert a picture on a photographic film into a digital image using a photographic image scanner, associating with the digital image a handling condition, and charging for a purchase of the digital image with the handling condition.

Independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to recite these features of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that Ginter et al. fails to show or suggest converting a picture on a photographic film into a digital image using a photographic image scanner, associating with the digital image a handling condition, and charging for a purchase of the digital image with the handling condition. Ginter et al. is merely a system for secure transaction management and electronic

rights protection.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1 and 18, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over Ginter et al.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and is not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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